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RECORD OF DEATHS.

Persons Well Known to Many of Our Readers, Who Have Answered Final Summons.

ALL SEASONS ARE THINE, O DEATH.

ELLIOTT R. FRAKER.

At 11:20 o'clock, on Tuesday night of last week, Elliott R. Fraker, of Fort Littleton, died at the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital, Philadelphia, to which place he had been taken for treatment just seven weeks previous, by his son Baldwin and his physician, Dr. R. B. Campbell. Most favorable reports were received by his family from time to time relative to his condition, and the second day of July had been set for his leaving the hospital for home; but great was the disappointment of his family, when on the eve of the day he was expected home, word was received that he had fallen while walking about the hospital and injured one of his hips. This delayed his return, and Tuesday of last week—the day of his death, was fixed as the time when he should leave for home—but instead of the hearts of his family being gladdened by the return of husband and father, the joy of the home coming was turned into bitter grief, for on Tuesday evening word was received that Mr. Fraker was worse, and later a telegram from Paul Johnston who had called at the hospital to see him, conveyed the sad intelligence that Mr. Fraker was dying.

His eldest son Baldwin left at once, and reached Philadelphia Wednesday afternoon; but his father had died shortly before midnight on Tuesday.

During the past two years, Mr. Fraker had suffered much from rheumatism, and last April one of his limbs began to give him trouble, which baffled the skill of his local physicians, and as has been before stated, he was taken to Philadelphia.

Mr. Fraker was ever considerate of the rights of others, and was noted for his fair dealing. He was the soul of honor, and possessed a deep reverence for the right—unalloyed, unflinching and supreme. He had a moral sensibility that ever kept him from deviating from that which he felt to be his duty. It was these qualities that secured for him a multitude of trusted and admiring friends. His home life was one of ideal devotion to his beloved wife and two sons, Baldwin and Hunter.

He was a member of the P. O. S. of A., Hustontown; the J. O. U. A. M., at Clear Ridge, and the Patrons of Husbandry. In all these, he was a faithful member. True in his home life, faithful in his public duties, sincere in his lodge affiliations, honest in business, devoted and benevolent in the M. E. church, he passed from earth in the fruition of a hope that is borne of perfect faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

He was twice married—the first time to Miss Maggie Richardson, who lived but a few brief years of wedded life, and the second time to Katherine Baldwin, daughter of Elijah Baldwin, of Fort Littleton.

His remains were taken to his home, and his funeral took place on Friday, the services being conducted by his pastor, Rev. Bryner, of McConnellsburg, assisted by Rev. Cline, of Fort Littleton. His five surviving brothers, namely, Dyson, Wesley, Elmer, Andrew, and Henry—acted as pallbearers. He is survived also by two sisters, Lizzie, wife of Johnsey Kerlin, and Mrs. Jemima Lathero, some place in the West.

WILSON R. KEITH.

Mr. Wilson R. Keith died at his home in Wells Valley, Saturday afternoon, July 17, 1909, aged 68 years, 5 months and 16 days. Funeral on Monday, services being conducted by Rev. Harry Moyer, of Hustontown, and in-

BUMPER CROPS.

Indicated Yield of Wheat Exceeded But Twice in Our History.

In the July crop report issued by the Department of Agriculture the vast extent of the wealth and resources of the country is revealed. The area of corn under cultivation is 108,000,000 acres, which is 7,200,000 acres in excess of the highest previous records. The condition of the crop is 6.5 per cent. higher than at this time last year and 4.5 per cent. higher than the ten year average. The indicated yield is 3,161,000,000 bushels, which is 200,000,000 bushels larger than the bumper crop of 1906. The farm value of the 1908 crop was \$1,600,000,000 and while the market price today is somewhat lower than a year ago, the increase in acreage and prospective yield will likely bring the total value of this year's crop up to the maximum. This is an immense amount of new wealth to be added to the general store by a single crop. The indicated yield of oats is also close to the previous record, and the indicated yield of wheat has been exceeded but twice in our history. The value of this year's wheat crop will probably be the highest ever realized. The basis for this expectation is the extremely small surplus remaining in farmer's hands from last year's crop. The government estimates this surplus at only 15,000,000 bushels, which is less than half the surplus held a year ago and the smallest ever reported. Incidentally, the figures confirm the estimate of the leading bull speculators, and inasmuch as surplus stock abroad is relatively as low as our own, the prospects favor comparatively high prices for wheat and flour for the remainder of the year, unless consumers are forced to substitute other foodstuffs.

Mrs. John W. Stevens, of Mechanicsburg, accompanied her daughter, Miss Vera, to this place last Friday, and returned home Saturday. Miss Vera is visiting her relatives and friends in Taylor township.

terment in the cemetery at the United Brethren church in the Valley.

Mr. Keith was born in Trough Creek Valley, Huntingdon county. On the 9th day of February, 1841, he was married to Miss Mary, daughter of the late Septimus Foster, of Wells Valley. He is survived by his wife and four children, namely, Frank and William, in Altoona, and Alice, wife of Richard Truax, and Rose wife of William Lockard—both residing in Wells Valley.

Mr. Keith was a veteran of the Civil War, having served in the 126th regiment Pa. Vols. He was for many years preceding his death, a consistent member of the M. E. church, a kind husband and father, and an excellent neighbor.

MRS. CATHARINE HART.

Mrs. Catharine Hart, or Katie as she was more familiarly known, widow of the late Enoch Hart, died at the home of her son, W. Frank Hart at Needmore, Tuesday morning, at the advanced age of almost ninety years.

Funeral at nine o'clock this morning, services conducted by Eld. C. L. Funk, and interment in the cemetery at the Tonoloway Baptist church.

Mrs. Hart's maiden name was Flick, and with her death goes the last of her father's family; there is but one survivor in her immediate family—her son W. Frank, before mentioned.

Aunt Katie, as she was affectionately known, was a member of the Primitive Baptist church, and her life was a constant benediction to everyone coming within the pale of her influence.

While she had not been in the enjoyment of vigorous health for several years, yet her last illness was not of long duration.

The Undesirable Mosquito.

"Preparations should be made at once to down the undesirable mosquito," is the suggestion made by the Division of Zoology of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. Mosquitoes carry the germs of disease and there is no more potent disseminator of fevers. The utmost precautions should, therefore, be taken to keep the mosquito out of our homes.

As pools of stagnant water, cisterns and cess pools are breeding places of mosquitoes, Prof. H. A. Surface, the State Zoologist, recommends that all tanks of water, cisterns, or vessels which hold water, or which might be filled with water after a rain, be covered, or screened with a screen of at least 18 meshes of wire to the inch. Standing water on lots or commons should not be permitted. All shallow lots should be drained and kept dry, and post holes filled, old tin cans and bottles emptied, and all breeding places destroyed. All stables ought to be provided with air tight receptacles for refuse, and this refuse should be removed every week.

Where there are large natural bodies of water which cannot be drained, the surface should be disinfected and oiled with kerosene at frequent and regular intervals. Kerosene is invaluable in this connection and it is also good as a disinfectant. Chloride of lime, or common coppers (sulphate of iron) can be thrown into cess-pools. Even the water used in sprinkling carts can be charged with disinfectants, and will prove a valuable aid in keeping away the mosquitoes. The proprietors of restaurants, meat markets, milk depots and bakeries should be compelled to screen their premises as well as all receptacles in which water stands or food is kept and prepared, in order to guard against mosquitoes and flies.

A GROWING INDUSTRY.

The Demand for Automobiles in This Country Increasing Rapidly.

The tremendous rapidity with which the business of making automobiles in this country has grown within the last dozen years is shown by a statement recently made by the general manager of the American Motor Car Manufacturers' Association. A dozen years ago, according to this authority, there were only about one thousand autos in the United States; now there are 100,000. In other words the number in that period has increased one hundred and sixty times.

Ten years ago there were twenty-five motor car makers in this country; now there are more than 250. It is declared that more money is now invested in the manufacture of autos than there is in the making of all kinds of vehicles drawn by horses. The total value of the autos made and to be made in the United States this year is put at \$180,000,000, which is five million more than the output of horse drawn vehicles for the year 1905, according to the industrial census of that year.

The auto is so popular that there was scarcely any falling off in the demand during hard times following the panic of 1907. A peculiar thing about the trade and its effect on other lines of business is that while even farmers are said to be buying autos in increasing numbers, there has been no falling off in the price of horses. In fact the breeding of good horses has never been more profitable than it is now.

There will be a meeting of the Fulton County Veteran Association at the Reunion grounds, in Licking Creek township, on Saturday, July 31, 1909, at which time privileges will be let for the refreshment stands, and other general business transacted.

SOLDIERS HERE.

Battery B, Third Field Artillery Passed Through McConnellsburg on Their Way to Somerset County.

CAMPED IN WASHBAUGH'S ORCHARD.

It made the older residents of town think they were back in the '60's, when on Tuesday afternoon big covered wagons, heavy caissons, and trucks bearing 3-inch rifled cannon, that are guaranteed to shoot with a precision that would knock the hind leg off a mosquito in a five mile range—all came rumbling down through town about three o'clock. It was Battery B, 3d U. S. Field Artillery, on their way through from Third Brigade N. G. Pa. camp at Mt. Gretna, to Second Brigade camp at Somerset, Pa.

After a halt of some twenty minutes on Water street, the Battery proceeded out to Washbaugh's orchard just west of town, where they went into camp remaining until Wednesday morning.

During the evening the camp was visited by almost everybody in town. Civil War veterans went out to revive memories of camp life in the South, and the younger folks went out to see what a camp of real United States soldiers looked like.

In the battery are 127 officers and men, and 131 bay horses and mules, four cannon, eight caissons, 1 commissary wagon, five kit wagons. The trucks carrying the guns, and the caissons, were each drawn by six horses or mules—each of the near side animals having a saddle on which a soldier rode.

Captain T. N. Horn is in command, Captain Humphries surgeon, Second Lieutenant W. H. Shepherd commissary and quartermaster, Second Lieut. S. K. Hopkins. Corporal E. G. Matthews explained the use of the guns, shells, etc., to a very interested crowd of young ladies who happened to be near. This battery was organized before 1812 and took part in three wars, in the Rebellion as Battery A, 2d Artillery, and in the Spanish American War. Some of the men had been in the service but a few months while others had been in continuously since before the Spanish American War.

The men in large numbers had leave to visit town Tuesday night and all behaved like U. S. soldiers which means like gentlemen.

They broke camp bright and early Wednesday morning and expected to go into camp near Everett Wednesday evening.

Examinations and School Lettings.

The schools of the various townships of the county will be given out on the following dates and at the following places:

Thompson—Center, August 2.
Bethel—Warfordsburg, August 3.
Union—Center, August 4.
Brush Creek—Emmaville, August 5.
Belfast—Needmore, August 6.
Ayr—Webster Mills, August 7.
Licking Creek—Harrisonville, August 9.
Wells—High School, Aug. 10.
Taylor—Hustontown, Aug. 11.
Dublin—Ft. Littleton, Aug. 12.
Todd—McGovern's August 13.
Examinations will be given in Thompson, Union, Belfast, Licking Creek, and Taylor.

Examinations will begin at 8 o'clock a. m.

The several boards will meet as above at 9:30 a. m., except where examinations are given, to elect teachers, etc.

Applicants coming from other counties must produce, from their superintendent, a recommendation as to character, etc.

Yours,
B. C. LAMBERSON,
County Superintendent.

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Sunday School Convention.

Continued from last week.

WEDNESDAY, P. M.

An Elementary Grade conference, with Mrs. J. J. Palmer presiding, was held in the Methodist church during the early part of the afternoon. The following program had been prepared: Devotional exercise conducted by Rev. Grove; plans for the cradle roll to be discussed by Miss Blanche Smith, followed by plans for teaching children under six years of age given by Mrs. Palmer; Miss Nellie Hays dealt with the subject of teaching between the ages of six and nine years; Miss Minnie Reiser discussed the subject "Importance of the Habit Forming Period."

At this session's close, the conference adjourned to the Presbyterian church where the other meeting was being held.

The regular session for the afternoon was presided over by the president, Mr. Kirk. Rev. McGarvey, of the Harrisonville M. E. church, conducted the devotional exercises.

The chief feature of the afternoon was an Organized Bible Class conference conducted by Mr. Landes, whose motive was to show the value or an organized Bible Class and its advantages over the unorganized class. The conference was an enthusiastic one. Any one of the convention was privileged to ask questions concerning the management of such a class, all of which Mr. Landes explained clearly. This discussion occupied a large part of the period.

Miss Gertrude Hoke, in a forcible talk on Special Day Observances, emphasized the value of such occasions as a means of arousing the interest of the children and giving them a share in the work, which the children enjoy.

During the afternoon a very pretty solo was sung by Miss Mary Wilkinson.

The last period was taken up by the business matters before the convention.

The result of the election of officers for the ensuing year was as follows: President, E. H. Kirk, who has acted so efficiently in this capacity for several years; Vice Presidents, G. W. Fisher, M. R. Shaffner, Elmer Fraker; Field Secretary, Rev. J. M. Diehl; Treasurer, Geo. W. Hays; Elementary Supt., Mrs. J. J. Palmer; Home Dept. Supt., Miss Mollie Seylar; Teacher Training Supt., Mrs. C. B. Stevens.

A resolution was adopted leaving the selection of a place for next year's convention in the hands of the executive committee.

After prayer the session adjourned.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

With a service of song and a prayer by the Rev. Fassold, of the Lutheran church, the last session of the convention opened.

An interesting feature of this session was the presentation of diplomas to a class from the Methodist church who, under the instruction of Mrs. C. B. Stevens, have completed the Teachers' Training Course. Those who received diplomas were Misses Ella Shimer, Marden Stouteagle, Mary Stouteagle, Minnie Thompson, and Sadie Rotz, and Russell Stevens.

The presentation speech was made by Mrs. S. M. Cook, followed by a prayer by Rev. Grove, of the U. P. church.

Mr. Landes, whose address, "A Call to Service," was to be given at this time, was unable to remain for the evening. Rev. Charles Pittman, who has recently returned from the mission field at Tabriz, Persia, occupied the period speaking on the effect the present political situation of Persia is having upon the spread of the gospel there.

The program of the evening was interspersed by special music which gave much pleasure to the audience. A duet was re-

ON THEIR WEDDING TRIP.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Dougall Ignore Palace Cars and Automobiles, and Travel Afoot.

Between five and six o'clock, Tuesday evening a genteelly dressed pair stopped at the Washington House and presented a letter of introduction from the Mayor of Atlantic City. They were Mr. and Mrs. John D. Dougall, recently married, and they had left Atlantic City eight days ago on a wager to walk to Columbus, O. The conditions of the wager were, that they were to walk the distance of seven hundred miles in twenty-one days; they were not to travel on Sunday; they were to start out with but twenty two cents, and were to pay their way through by selling post cards, giving entertainments, &c. When they reached McConnellsburg, they had already covered 240 miles of their journey, and had thirteen more days to complete the trip.

The groom was standing the trip first rate, but the bride's ankles and feet were swollen and sore—she having been reared in Philadelphia, and not used to mountain climbing. She exhibited plenty of grit, and proposed to stay with her husband until the last day in the afternoon.

They left this place at seven o'clock Wednesday morning, and expected to stay over night at Everett.

WATERFALL.

Harvest is about over, and the farmers are busy getting their crops threshed out. Robert Miller threshed the wheat from twenty acres and got 406 bushels and A. N. Witter got 188 bushels from twelve acres.

Rev. Harry Moyer preached a sermon especially for the older people.

Rev. Harry W. Newman will occupy the pulpit at Center, Sunday evening, July 25th.

Mrs. Harriet Barnett is very ill.

L. L. Cunningham has been working insurance in the vicinity of Waterfall during the past few days.

Mrs. John Gracey was a guest in the family of D. S. Berkstresser last Sunday.

Dean Bergstresser has had the offer of four schools already—three at \$50, and one at \$60. Dean, teach one and let somebody else have the other three.

Mrs. A. N. Witter is around again.

Miss Nona Black, of Robertsdale, is the guest of W. F. Berkstresser.

Dr. Mongury and family, of Pittsburg, are enjoying themselves in their tent at Zion church near W. G. Berkstresser's. They expect to stay six weeks.

An automobile party got lost last Sunday on the road to Three Springs, and ran up against a mountain field near James Barnett's.

It appears that the New Grenada and Waterfall team cannot be beaten without stuffing the team.

The cellar has been dug and the stone hauled ready for the masons to begin work on the foundation for the new house of Mrs. Susan Rummel, in the southern extension of town. Michael Black and Lewis Youse are the contractors.

dered by Mrs. George Reiser and Mrs. Spangler; Misses Emily Groathead and Katharine Cook, and Mr. Ernest McClain gave a trio.

A part of the session was given over to business matters, such as reports of committees. Mr. E. H. Kirk, the president, was chosen as a delegate to represent the Fulton County Sunday schools at the State convention to be held in Harrisburg the coming fall.

The convention closed with prayer and the singing of the hymn, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful-Outing.

NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

John Reiser, a student at Yale college, is home for his summer vacation.

S. D. Stevens, of Chambersburg, spent a couple days last week in this place.

Mrs. E. D. Shimer and son Frank left on Monday for a visit to friends in New York state.

J. F. Johnston, of near Cito, was a pleasant visitor to our office on Monday afternoon.

Miss Ethel Hays, who spent last week visiting in Hancock, has returned to her home in this place.

Miss Daisy Kelley and brother George, of this place, left Tuesday morning on a visit to friends in Chambersburg.

L. H. Wible, Esq., of Harrisburg, spent from Friday evening until Monday morning with his family in this place.

Dr. H. S. Wishart, who has been spending the past month in this place, returned to his home in Johnstown last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Irwin, of Philadelphia, are visiting in the home of the former's parents, John A. Irwin and wife, in this place.

Miss Beatrice Myers, after spending a week in the family of her uncle, Geo. W. Hays in this place, returned to her home in Hancock, on Sunday.

W. W. Palmer of Connellsville, and A. C. Palmer, of Sipes Mill, were registered at the City Hotel Monday. They came to town in Watson's Ford runabout.

Will Dalbey, left on Monday morning with his sister, Miss Minnie, and will spend a couple of weeks visiting in the family of his aunt in Pittsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Rinedollar, and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Emme and daughter Miss Irene, all of Everett, are visiting the family of Mr. David Rinedollar in the Extension.

Miss Minnie Dalbey and her cousin Donald Suttonfield, who have spent the past two weeks with Minnie's parents in this place, left for Pittsburg on Monday morning.

William Beidleman, wife, and their little son Charles, and Mr. Beidleman's mother—all of Harrisburg, are guests in the home of County Treasurer and Mrs. Chas. B. Stevens.

Miss Maria D. Alexander spent from Thursday until Saturday, the guest of Miss Daisy Kendrick in Mercersburg. She attended the Reformed Reunion at Pen Mar on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry DeMuth and their two interesting little sons, Christopher and Henry, of Lancaster, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. McClain, South Second street.

Mrs. George Fockler and little son George, who spent the past two weeks with the family of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson R. Nace, left for their home in Johnstown, on Friday. Mr. Fockler came for them on Thursday in his auto.

John Everts, of Thompson township, left last Saturday for St. Louis, Mo., where he will have a lucrative position as employee on the B. Q. and Ill. railroad. His many friends are sorry to see him go, as Johnnie is a good jovial fellow.

Miss Blanche O. Peck, who had been spending a few weeks among friends and relatives in Ohio and Indiana, returned to her home at Knobsville last Saturday. Her home coming was somewhat hastened on account of the illness of her mother. Her mother seems somewhat improved in health during the past few days.